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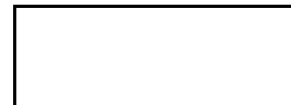
MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
FROM: John F. Blake
Deputy Director for Administration
SUBJECT: Meeting with Senator Inouye
REFERENCE: Memo dtd 28 Mar 77 for DDA from
DCI, same subject

1. Action Requested: None; for information only.

2. Background: Key personnel in this Directorate and the Office of Security were impressed and gratified by Senator Inouye's decision to administer prompt disciplinary action against the staff member who lost sensitive papers charged to his custody. Your surmise was correct that at CIA a first document loss incident tends to lead to a reprimand in cases where classified information is not secured properly but is still within a controlled Agency facility. Agency regulations make it clear, however, that any security breach, including the first, may be serious enough to warrant more severe penalties, including separation from the Agency.

Bringing this particular case to the attention of the Intelligence Community or giving it even wider dissemination within the federal government would get an important point across in a timely fashion with great impact. It would seem most inappropriate, however, to identify the individual involved and it would be difficult to release the story without running a risk of such identification. Furthermore, the media reaction to such a release, with or without the culprit identified, would doubtless be massive pressure for further details on the nature of the documents lost.

As an alternative, it is recommended that a general presentation of the topic be made before the NFIB membership. Such a talk could be built to stress the dangers of taking classified material out of an office environment to an



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unauthorized destination and the problems caused by failure to report the loss immediately. The NFIB membership could then disseminate the message to the personnel of the participating agencies.

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2. Leg. Counsel

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I concur in Jack Blake's memorandum and especially share the concern he expresses in the second paragraph in the background section. The blow-back potential for the Select Committee could set back the good relationship that we have with Chairman Inouye.

George L. Cary
Legislative Counsel

5 April 1977